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LIBYAN STRIKE TIMETABLE

December 27 Rome/Vienna attacks. Twenty die, including four terrorists. President accuses Libya.

January 8 President imposes economic sanctions against Libya and orders all U.S. citizens out of Libya.

January 12 Whitehead mission to Europe

January 24 U.S. naval operations in Tripoli FIR

February U.S. naval operations in Tripoli FIR

March 24 U.S. naval FON operations in Gulf of Sidra commence

March 25 Libyan SAMs fired at U.S. aircraft, U.S. responds with HARM strikes on SA-5 site and attacks on Libyan naval vessels.

March 26 President sends letter to Congressional Leadership on Gulf of Sidra Incident.

March 27 French break up LPB attempt to bomb visa line at U.S. consulate in Paris

President speaks in New Orleans, states that U.S. will hold Qadhafi responsible for acts of terrorism.

April 2 Bomb explodes aboard TWA Flight 840

April 4 [REDACTED]

Bomb in Khartoum against civilian firm providing security for U.S. embassy. LPB claims responsibility

April 5 La Belle disco bombed. Two dead, 203 injured.
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France Expels two Libyan diplomats.

OSG meeting

April 7 President meets advisors (NSPG), [REDACTED]

April 8 AMERICA underway from Livorno
[REDACTED]

April 9 CORAL SEA underway from Malaga to central Mediterranean.

West Germany expels two Libyan diplomats

SRG meeting

April 10 [REDACTED]

NSDD drafted

April 11 Ambassador Walters departs for Europe

SRG meeting

JCS ask French for overflight permission.

April 12 Ambassador Walters meets with Prime Minister Thatcher in London

Ambassador Walters meets with Prime Minister Phillippe Gonzalez in Madrid

JCS request clearance for USS Enterprise to transit Suez Canal

April 13 Ambassador Walters meets with Chancellor Kohl and FONMIN Genscher in Germany

State/DEI issue general threat alert

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Vice President briefed on Libyan Strike.

PM Nakasone briefed

April 14 Ambassador Walters meets with President Mitterrand in Paris

Ambassador Walters meets with Prime Minister Craxi in Rome

Ambassador Oakley meets with EC Anti-Terrorism Working Group in the Hague and with Prime Minister Lubbers

NSC member, Colonel Tyrus Cobb, meets with Prime Minister Mulroney in Ottawa

President signs NSDD

DCI issues general threat alert to US posts abroad

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14 April

1700 Consultations with Hill Leadership: O'Neill, Byrd, Dole, Luger, Thurmond, Wright, Michel, Fascell

1702 [REDACTED]

1745 USS America launched strike consisting of 30 aircraft against Benghazi and in support of USAF strikes against Tripoli. JCS

1904 [REDACTED]

1921 Larry Speakes makes announcement that the US has initiated an attack against Libya.

1924 Gen Moellering says all aircraft have returned safely. (Phonecon with North)

2000 One F-111 has failed to report, status unknown. (Phonecon between Gen Moellering and North)

2025 Navy fighter reports seeing a "fireball" in the sky near Tripoli. (CNOIP phonecon between CDR Herrington and St. Martin)

2100 President Reagan addresses the Nation.

2110 Libyan Radio says Qadhafi relatives injured in the attack. Reuter 168

2114 French Foreign Ministry says the French Embassy in Tripoli was hit. The French spokesman provided no information on the extent of the information.
AP-Paris

2116 Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger hold press conference.

2149 Ty Cobb called to report that PM Mulroney has issued a statement noting that the Canadian Government was fully consulted and notified. Mulroney added that Libya is a perpetrator of terrorism. (phonecon between Amb Niles and Cobb)

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- history of target list
- relation of date of other flights
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